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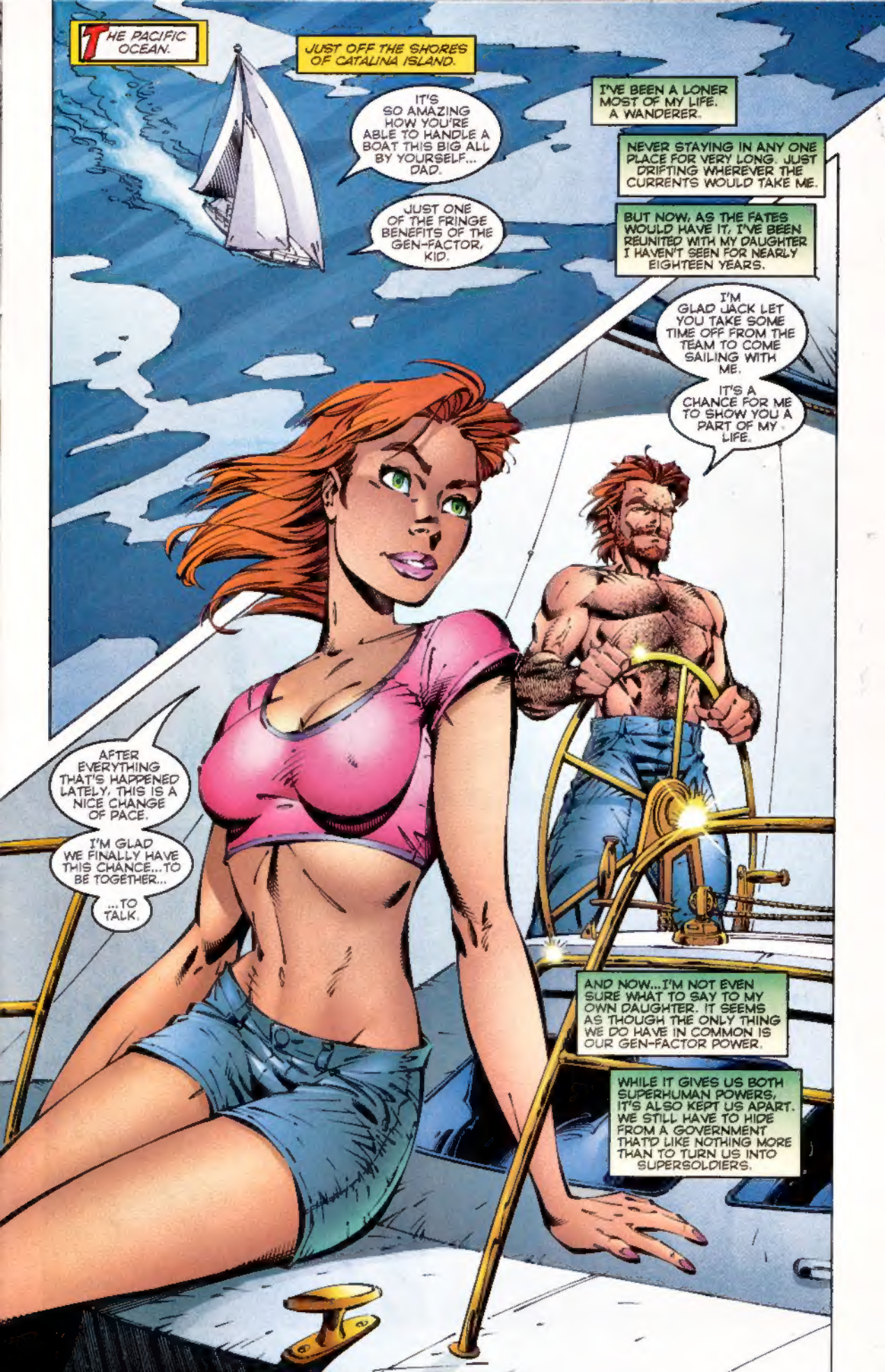
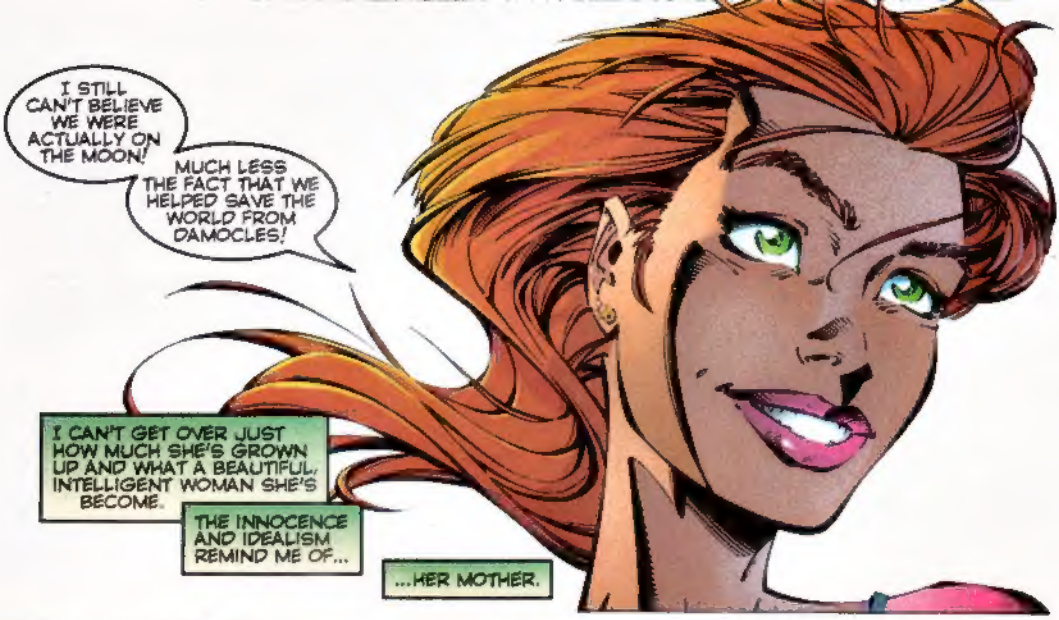
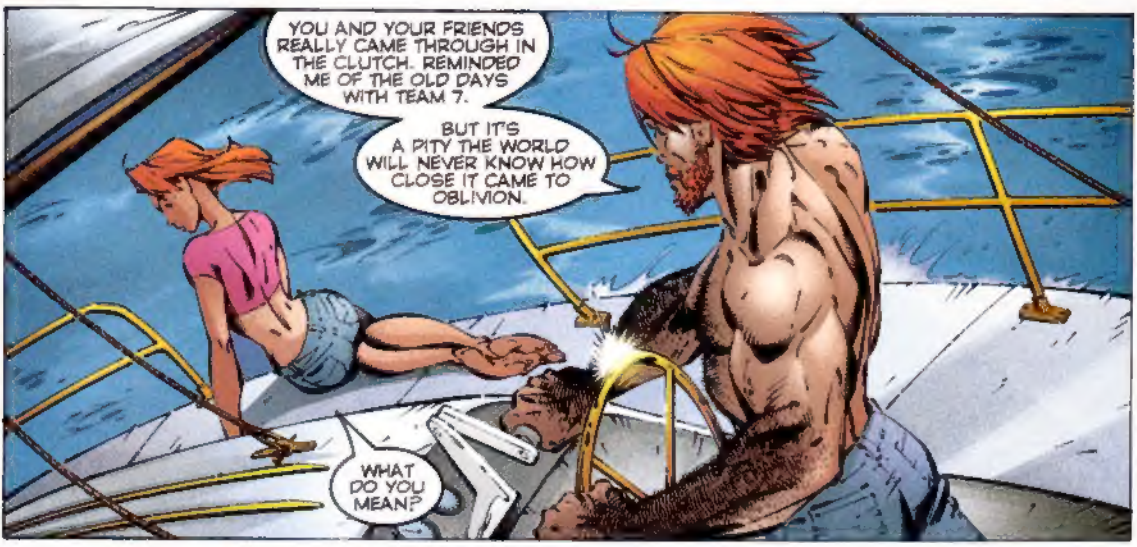

THE PACIFIC OCEAN.
JUST OFF THE SHORES OF CATALINA ISLAND.
IT'S SO AMAZING HOW YOU'RE ABLE TO HANDLE A BOAT THIS BIG ALL BY YOURSELF... DAD.
JUST ONE OF THE FRINGE BENEFITS OF THE GEN-FACTOR, KID.
I'VE BEEN A LONER MOST OF MY LIFE. A WANDERER.
NEVER STAYING IN ANY ONE PLACE FOR VERY LONG. JUST DRIFTING WHEREVER THE CURRENTS WOULD TAKE ME.
BUT NOW, AS THE FATES WOULD HAVE IT, I'VE BEEN REUNITED WITH MY DAUGHTER I HAVEN'T SEEN FOR NEARLY EIGHTEEN YEARS.
I'M GLAD JACK LET YOU TAKE SOME TIME OFF FROM THE TEAM TO COME SAILING WITH ME.
IT'S A CHANCE FOR ME TO SHOW YOU A PART OF MY LIFE.
AFTER EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED LATELY, THIS IS A NICE CHANGE OF PACE.
I'M GLAD WE FINALLY HAVE THIS CHANCE...TO BE TOGETHER...
...TO TALK.
AND NOW...I'M NOT EVEN SURE WHAT TO SAY TO MY OWN DAUGHTER. IT SEEMS AS THOUGH THE ONLY THING WE DO HAVE IN COMMON IS OUR GEN-FACTOR POWER.
WHILE IT GIVES US BOTH SUPERHUMAN POWERS, IT'S ALSO KEPT US APART. WE STILL HAVE TO HIDE FROM A GOVERNMENT THAT'D LIKE NOTHING MORE THAN TO TURN US INTO SUPERSOLDIERS.





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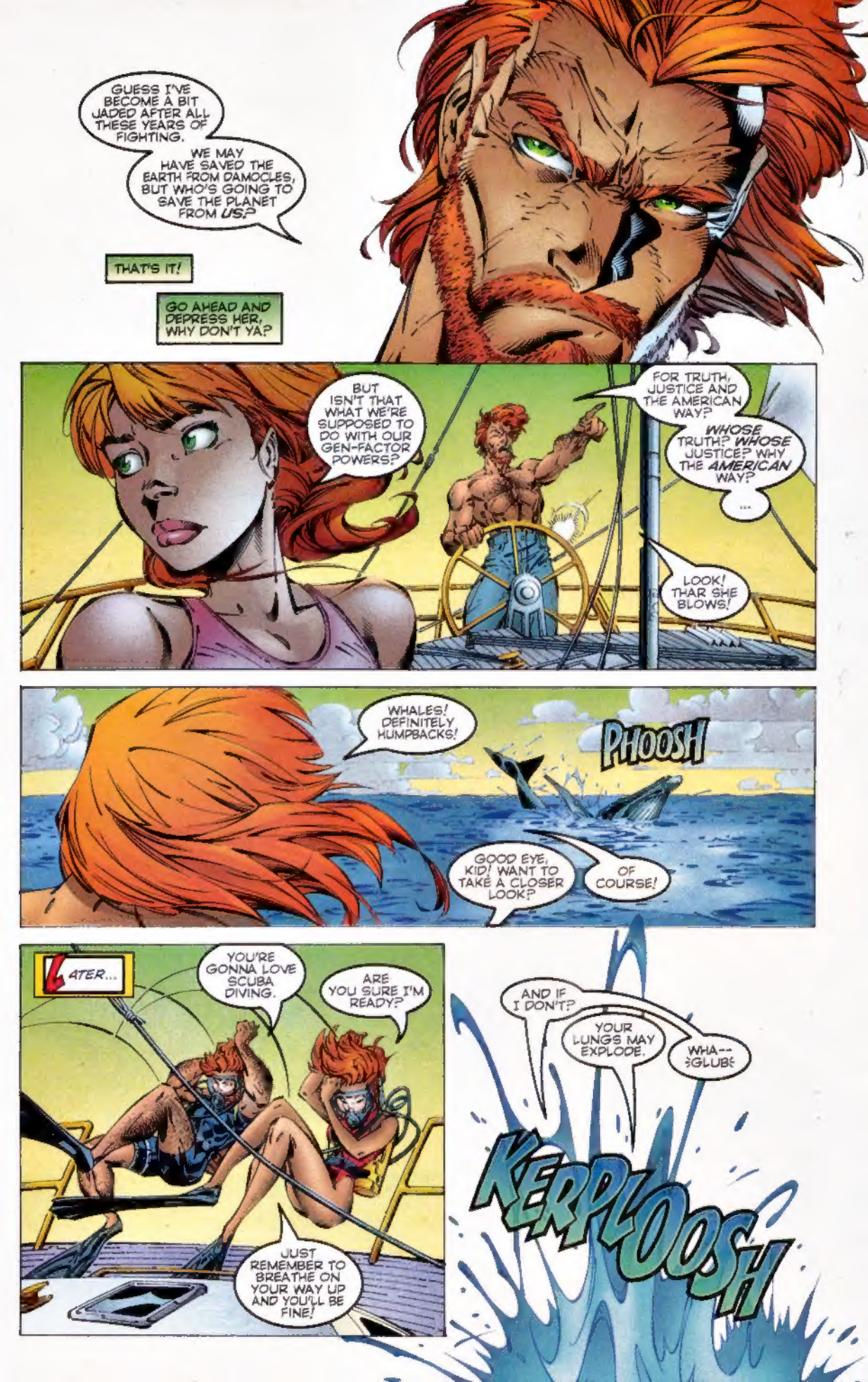
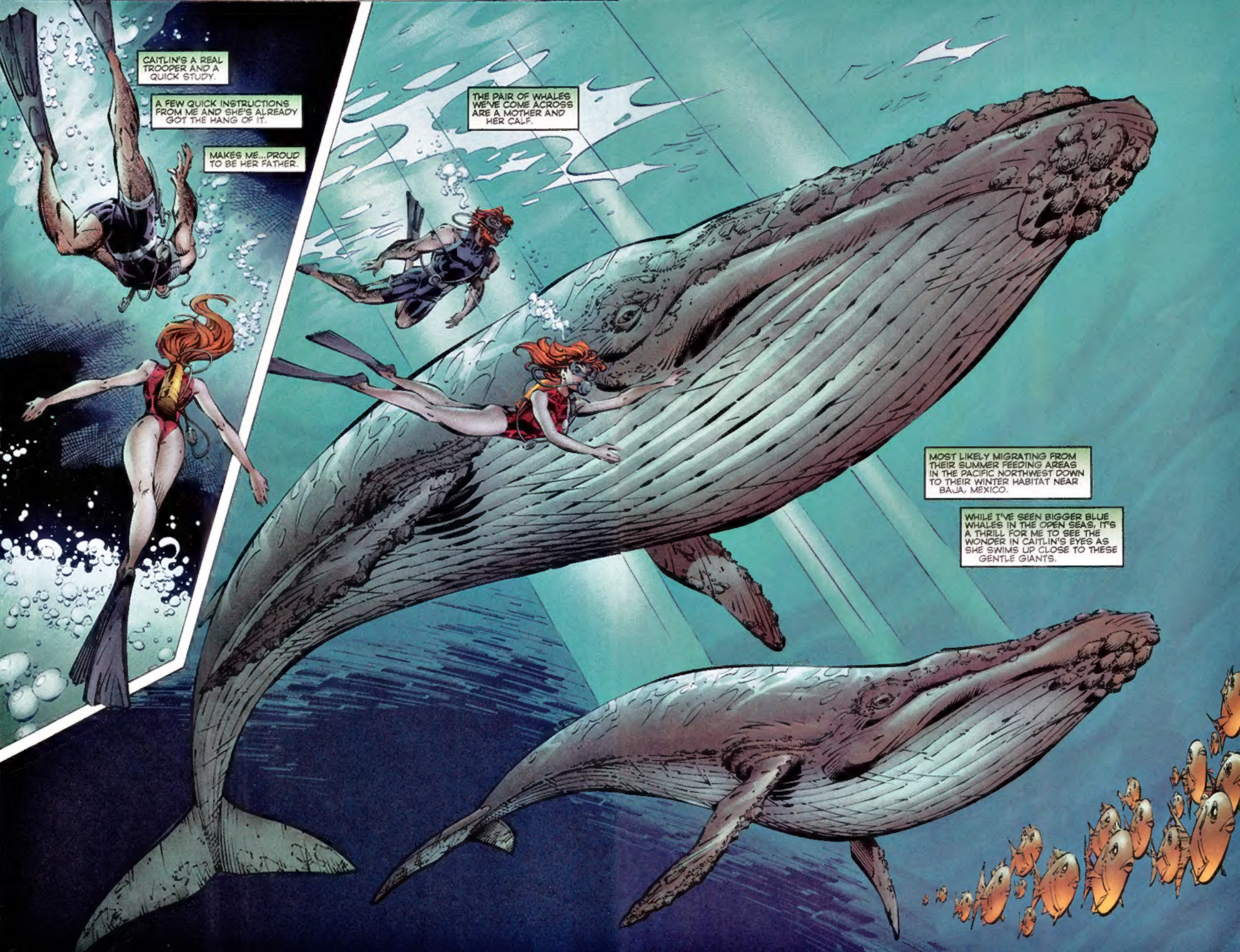
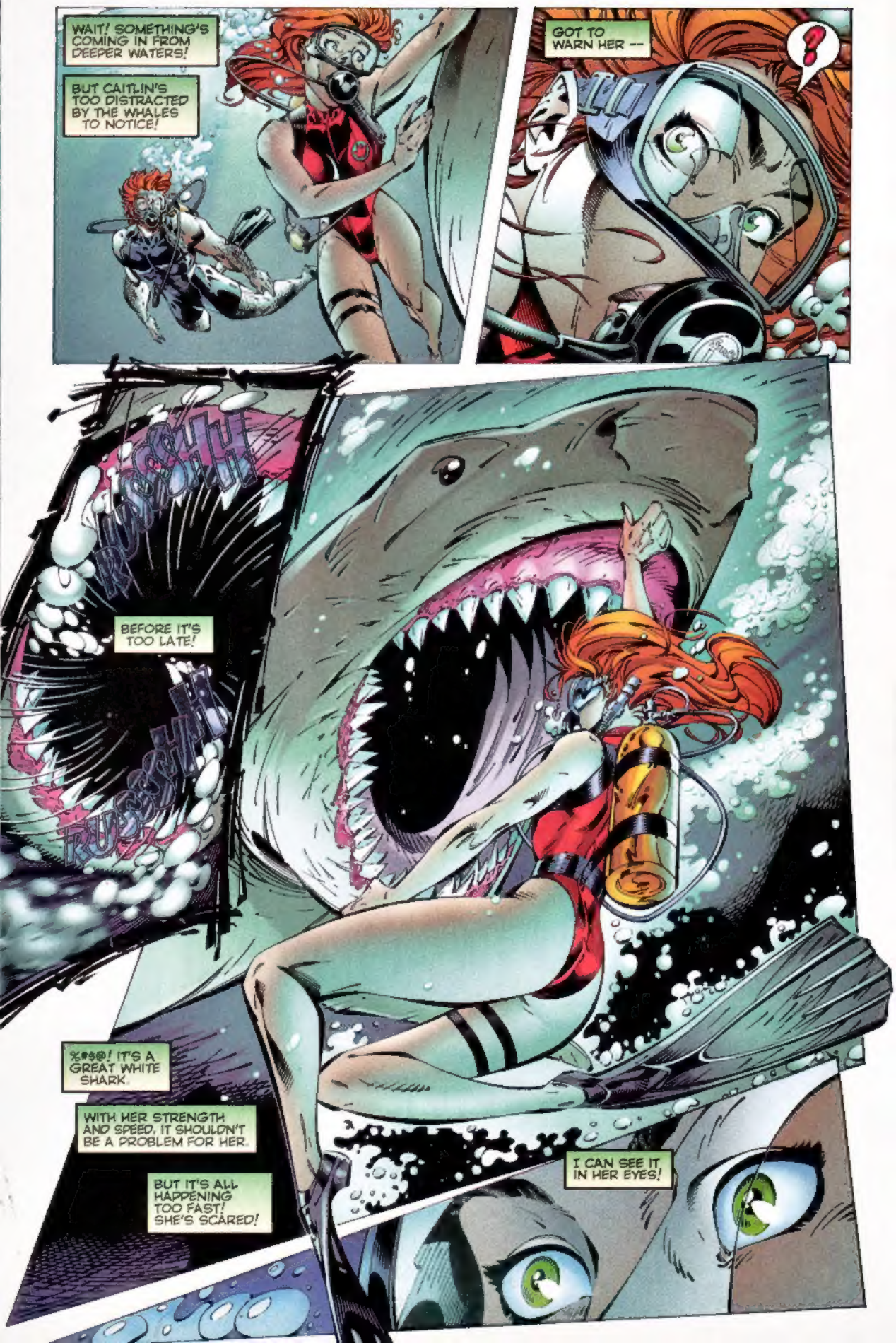
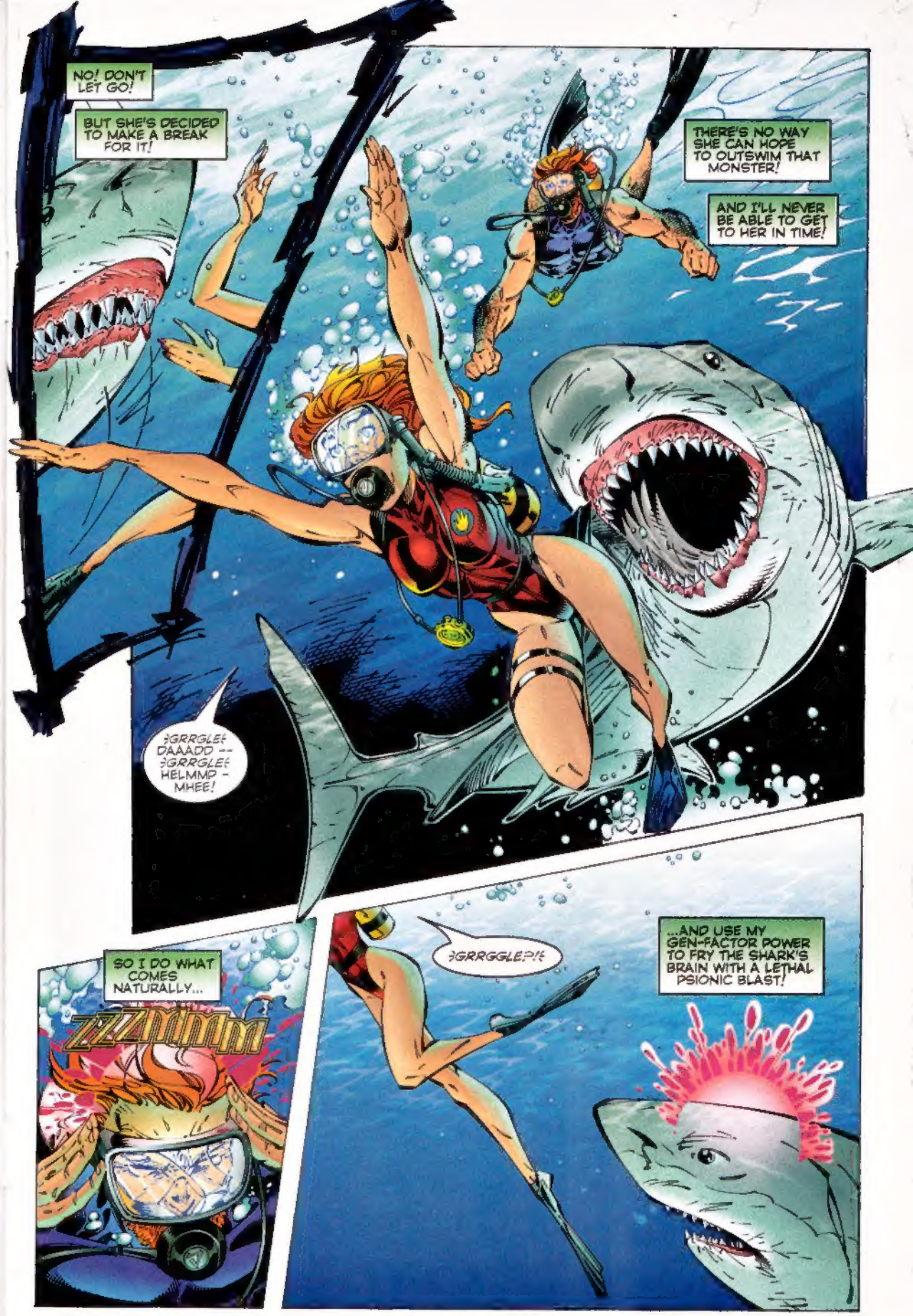
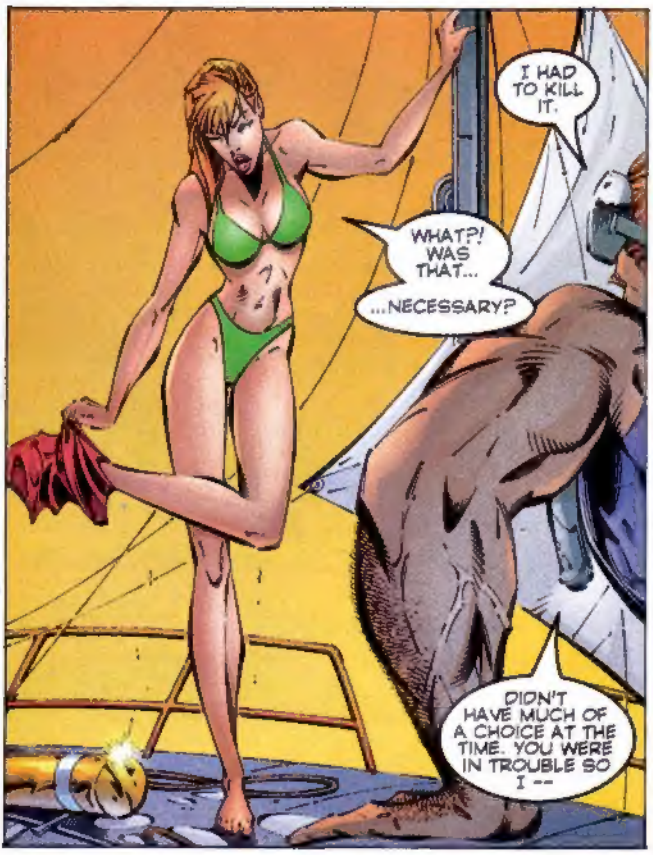

GUESS I'VE BECOME A BIT JADED AFTER ALL THESE YEARS OF FIGHTING.
WE MAY HAVE SAVED THE EARTH FROM DAMOCLES, BUT WHO'S GOING TO SAVE THE PLANET FROM *US*?
THAT'S IT!
GO AHEAD AND DEPRESS HER, WHY DON'T YA?
BUT ISN'T THAT WHAT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO DO WITH OUR GEN-FACTOR POWERS?
FOR TRUTH, JUSTICE AND THE AMERICAN WAY?
WHOSE TRUTH? *WHOSE* JUSTICE? WHY THE *AMERICAN* WAY?
...
LOOK! THAR SHE BLOWS!
WHALES! DEFINITELY HUMPBACKS!
PHOOSH
GOOD EYE, KID! WANT TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK?
OF COURSE!
LATER...
YOU'RE GONNA LOVE SCUBA DIVING.
ARE YOU SURE I'M READY?
JUST REMEMBER TO BREATHE ON YOUR WAY UP AND YOU'LL BE FINE!
AND IF I DON'T?
YOUR LUNGS MAY EXPLODE.
WHA--
GLUB
KERPLOOSH


CAITLIN'S A REAL TROOPER AND A QUICK STUDY.
A FEW QUICK INSTRUCTIONS FROM ME AND SHE'S ALREADY GOT THE HANG OF IT.
MAKES ME...PROUD TO BE HER FATHER.
THE PAIR OF WHALES WE'VE COME ACROSS ARE A MOTHER AND HER CALF.
MOST LIKELY MIGRATING FROM THEIR SUMMER FEEDING AREAS IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST DOWN TO THEIR WINTER HABITAT NEAR BAJA, MEXICO.
WHILE I'VE SEEN BIGGER BLUE WHALES IN THE OPEN SEAS, IT'S A THRILL FOR ME TO SEE THE WONDER IN CAITLIN'S EYES AS SHE SWIMS UP CLOSE TO THESE GENTLE GIANTS.

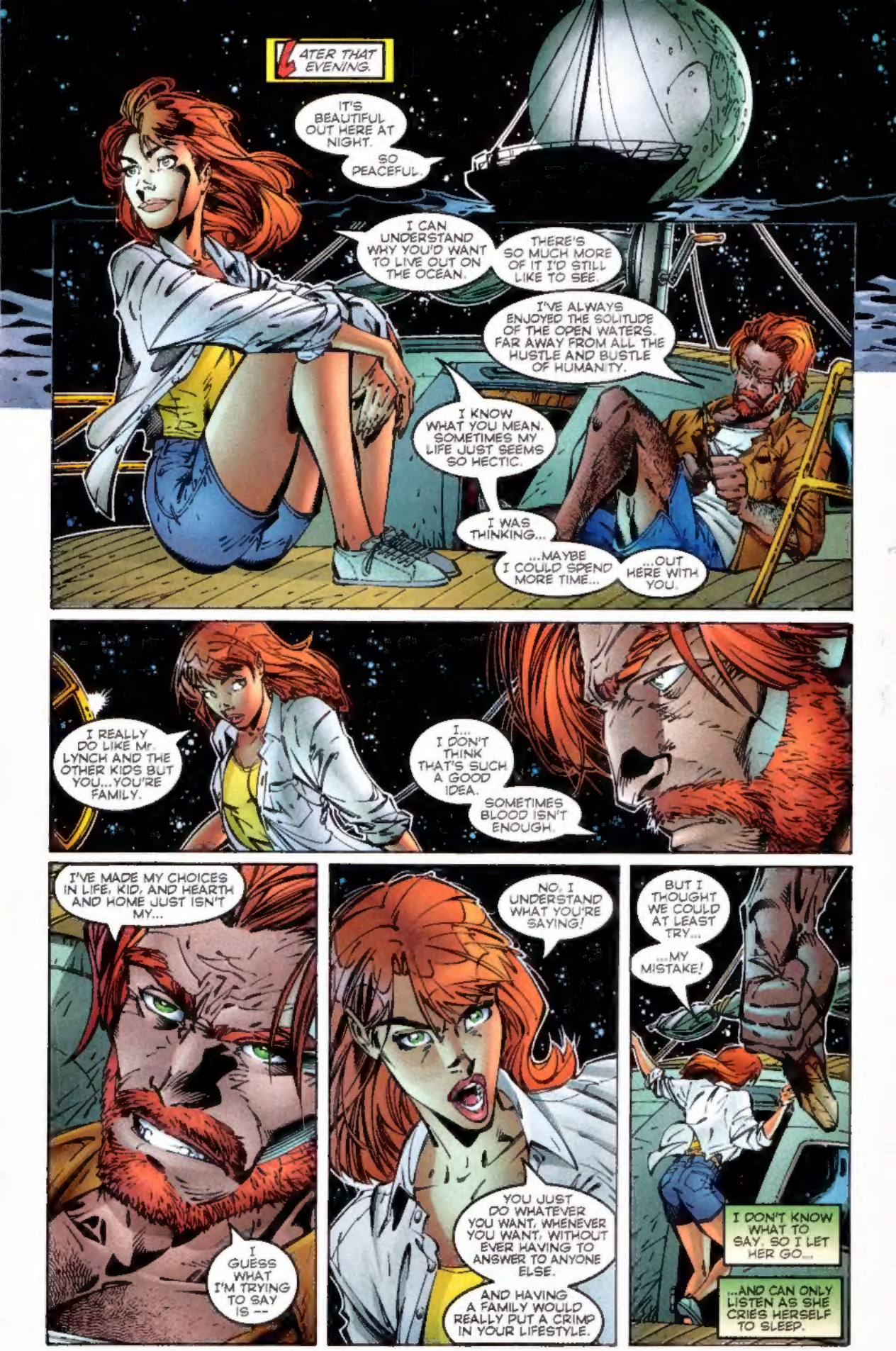

WAIT! SOMETHING'S COMING IN FROM DEEPER WATERS!
BUT CAITLIN'S TOO DISTRACTED BY THE WHALES TO NOTICE!
GOT TO WARN HER --
?
BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!
%#$@! IT'S A GREAT WHITE SHARK.
WITH HER STRENGTH AND SPEED, IT SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM FOR HER.
BUT IT'S ALL HAPPENING TOO FAST! SHE'S SCARED!
I CAN SEE IT IN HER EYES!


NO! DON'T LET GO!
BUT SHE'S DECIDED TO MAKE A BREAK FOR IT!
THERE'S NO WAY SHE CAN HOPE TO OUTSWIM THAT MONSTER!
AND I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO GET TO HER IN TIME!
GRRGLE DAAADD -- GRRGLE HELMMP - MHEE!
SO I DO WHAT COMES NATURALLY...
ZZZMMM
GRRGGLE?!
...AND USE MY GEN-FACTOR POWER TO FRY THE SHARK'S BRAIN WITH A LETHAL PSIONIC BLAST!



AT FIRST, I WANT TO READ HER THE RIOT ACT AND TELL HER SHE'S JUST BEING NAIVE...

...BUT THEN I WONDER IF I'M THE ONE WHO'S BECOME TOO CYNICAL.


LATER THAT EVENING.
IT'S BEAUTIFUL OUT HERE AT NIGHT.
SO PEACEFUL.
I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'D WANT TO LIVE OUT ON THE OCEAN.
THERE'S SO MUCH MORE OF IT I'D STILL LIKE TO SEE.
I'VE ALWAYS ENJOYED THE SOLITUDE OF THE OPEN WATERS. FAR AWAY FROM ALL THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE OF HUMANITY.
I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN. SOMETIMES MY LIFE JUST SEEMS SO HECTIC.
I WAS THINKING...
...MAYBE I COULD SPEND MORE TIME...
...OUT HERE WITH YOU.
I REALLY DO LIKE Mr. LYNCH AND THE OTHER KIDS BUT YOU...YOU'RE FAMILY.
I... I DON'T THINK THAT'S SUCH A GOOD IDEA.
SOMETIMES BLOOD ISN'T ENOUGH.
I'VE MADE MY CHOICES IN LIFE, KID, AND HEARTH AND HOME JUST ISN'T MY...
I GUESS WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS --
NO, I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING!
YOU JUST DO WHATEVER YOU WANT, WHENEVER YOU WANT, WITHOUT EVER HAVING TO ANSWER TO ANYONE ELSE.
AND HAVING A FAMILY WOULD REALLY PUT A CRIMP IN YOUR LIFESTYLE.
BUT I THOUGHT WE COULD AT LEAST TRY...
...MY MISTAKE!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY, SO I LET HER GO...
...AND CAN ONLY LISTEN AS SHE CRIES HERSELF TO SLEEP.

LATER THAT WEEK.
AARRGH!
HEADS UP, EVERYONE!
ONE FURBALL FLAMBE COMING DOWN!
STAY LOOSE, EVO! I'VE GOT YOU!
I'LL USE YOUR KINETIC ENERGY TO ENLIVEN MYSELF!
NOT IF I CAN HELP IT, POWERHAUS!
IT'S ALL OVER, FREEFALL!
SUBLIME AND I HAVE YOU RIGHT WHERE WE WANT YOU --
-- BURIED.
I DON'T THINK SO, COPYCAT.
ESPECIALLY WHEN I CAN USE GRAVITY TO PASTE YOU ON THE FLOOR...
EH?! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
KEEPING YOU AWAY FROM ANY POWER SOURCE!
I'M GONNA FREEZE THAT SMILE ON YOUR FACE!
NOT WHEN I CAN JUST THROW IT BACK AT YOU, FROSTBITE!
...AND BOOT YOUR FRIEND TO MARS!
RRAARR!
SWEATING BALLS THERE, EVO?

GOOD JOB ROXY NICE TOUCH USING A TWO-PRONG ATTACK.
YOU'VE MADE SOME REAL STRIDES LEARNING HOW TO CONTROL YOUR LEVITATION POWERS
THANKS FOR THE PROPS MR L, BUT WHAT I REALLY NEED RIGHT NOW IS SOME BACKUP!
I'LL SEE WHAT CAN I DO
SARAH, EXCELLENT JOB OF NEUTRALIZING POWERHAUS GRUNGE. QUIT CLOWNIN' AROUND BOBBY, PICK UP THE PACE
HAVE ALL OF YOU FORGOTTEN IVANA'S GEN-ACTIVES NEARLY CLEANED YOUR CLOCKS BACK ON GAMORRA?
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THAT WAS THEN MR L! WE COULD TAKE 'EM NOW!
THEN MAYBE YOU OR BOBBY CAN GIVE THE LADIES A HAND
IT'S THE '90s, THEY CAN TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES.
HOLD ON, SARAH! I'M ON MY WAY!
NO! SHE'S DOING FI--

TIME TO HEAT THINGS UP WITH A PLASMA BLAST!
YOU CAN'T ELUDE ME FOR MUCH LONGER!
LONG ENOUGH TO HELP FREEFALL BY TAKING CARE OF COPYCAT WITH A BIO-ELECTRICAL BLAST!
ZZZRRAP
AAARGH!
RELAX, SARAH! YOU'RE SAFE NOW!
BOBBY!
DO YOU REALIZE WHAT YOU'VE JUST DONE?!
AARGH!
GRUNGE! GIVE ME A HAN--
UH-OH!
UH-OH?!
ROX, DON'T TELL ME THERE'S SOMEONE BEHIND ME!
LEAVE THAT TO ME, AMIGO!
WHAM
THANKS TO YOUR FIERY FRIEND, I'M FULLY ENERGIZED AND READY TO RUMBLE!
HUUNGH!

NO! NO! NO! FREEZE SIMULATION!
GUESS THAT WAS A MISTAKE, HUH?
OR AS Mr. LYNCH WOULD CALL IT A TACTICAL ERROR
Mr. LYN-- RIGHT
YOU KNOW, I'M STILL NOT USED TO THESE VR SIMULANTS. THEY JUST SEEM SO.. REAL!
SHE AIN'T ALL THAT. I BET YOU ANYTHING SHE'S AN AIRHEAD.
BESIDES, THOSE ARE PROBABLY JUST AS FAKE IN THE REAL WORLD AS THEY ARE HERE
BUT MY MAIN CONCERN RIGHT NOW IS BOBBY'S TACTICAL ERROR --
I THOUGHT WE WERE DOING WELL CONSIDERING HOW WE'RE SHORTHANDED.
WHEN IS CAITLIN COMING BACK? I HAVEN'T SEEN HER ALL WEEK
WOW! IT'S WEIRD LOOKING AT 'EM FROZEN UP LIKE THIS
COULDA SWORN THE HAIRBALL HERE GOT TOASTED BY Mr. C BACK ON GAMORRA
SHE WANTED TO SPEND SOME TIME WITH HER FATHER...
..AND RETHINK HER STATUS ON THE TEAM
DON'T ASSUME ANYTHING GRUNGE YOU'LL LIVE LONGER THAT WAY
AS FOR EVO, HIS BODY WAS NEVER RECOVERED.
WHICH COULD MEAN SHE MAY NOT BE COMING BACK SO, WE NEED TO BE READY FOR THAT POSSIBILITY.
THAT'S WHY YOU'VE GOT TO START THINKING ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE DOING OUT THERE BOBBY. CONSIDER ALL THE CONSEQUENCES BEFORE YOU --
THAT'S IT! I'M OUTTA HERE!
WHE-- WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

AWAY FROM YOU!
BUT I WASN'T FINISHED WITH THE DEBRIEFING!
YEAH? WELL I WAS DONE LISTENING
WHOA! TALK ABOUT YOUR DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILIES!
WHY NOT? IT WOULD ONLY BE NATURAL FOR HER TO WANT TO BE WITH HER FATHER AFTER ALL THESE YEARS APART
THAT WAS WHY WE ALL BANDED TOGETHER IN THE FIRST PLACE, ROXY. MR. LYNCH WAS SUPPOSED TO HELP US FIND OUR PARENTS AFTER RESCUING US FROM PROJECT: GENESIS.
HEY, IT'S ONLY BEEN A COUPLE OF WEEKS KNOWING THAT MR. L IS BOBBY'S DAD STILL FREAKS ME OUT
SO, WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT KAT LEAVING THE TEAM? YOU THINK SHE'D REALLY DO IT?
BOBBY PLEASE
WE NEED TO TALK
THEN TALK. JUST SPARE ME THE LECTURE
I'M DOING THIS FOR YOUR OWN GOOD --
IT'S KINDA LATE FOR THE FATHERLY CONCERN --
-- SO THAT YOU CAN REALIZE YOUR FULL POTENTIAL!
TO POSSIBLY BECOME THE NEW TEAM LEADER
HUH?!
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK I'D EVEN WANT THE POSITION?
WAIT A SECOND!
YOU'RE CONSIDERING BOBBY TO BE CAITLIN'S REPLACEMENT?
D'OH!
BETTER DUCK! IT'S ABOUT TO HIT THE FAN

LATER, IN THE WEIGHT ROOM.
AND JUST HOW DID YOU COME TO THIS DECISION, Mr LYNCH?
I MEAN, WHY BOBBY AND NOT ME?
FWIP
WHUMPH
BECAUSE IT'S MY CALL TO MAKE, SARAH
IT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY TO LOOK OUT FOR THE BEST INTEREST OF THE ENTIRE TEAM
THEN I THINK YOU NEED TO BE MORE FAIR-MINDED IN YOUR DECISION, SIR!
I'M JUST AS CAPABLE A LEADER AS BOBBY! JUST LOOK AT THE RESULTS FROM OUR LAST EXCERCISE!
THIS IS WRONG AND YOU KNOW IT!
GREAT!
NOW HE'S EVEN GOT SARAH DISSING ME!
I DON'T NEED THIS @#&%! I'M OUTTA HERE!
CAN'T WE ALL JUST GET ALONG?
WHILE I DO APPRECIATE YOUR OPINION, SARAH --
-- THIS TEAM IS NOT A DEMOCRACY.

THE REC CENTER
AND WHILE I HAVEN'T REACHED A FINAL DECISION YET, I WILL STAND
BUT YOU KNOW I'M RIGHT DON'T YOU BOBBY?
LOOK THE ONLY WAY I'LL BE TEAM LEADER IS IF I WANT THE JOB
AND NOT BECAUSE IT'S WHAT HE WANTS
IF YOU WANT THE JOB?
HEHEH! THA-THAT'S A GOOD ONE BOBBY!
ANYONE FOR SOME COOKIES AND LEMONADE?
ANNA GETS MY VOTE AS NEW TEAM LEADER!
C'MON EVERYONE!
TIME TO COOL OFF IN THE POOL!

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LET THIS GO, ARE YOU, SARAH?
PUFF PUFF PUFF
YOU KNOW ME BETTER THAN THAT, Mr. LYNCH.
HEHEHE! HE DOES NOW.
DROP IT, SARAH, HE'S NOT GOING TO CHANGE HIS MIND.
AAAH!
NOW THIS IS THE LIFE!
WATCH OUT BELOW!
EH?
BUT WHY SHOULD I GIVE UP, BOBBY?
I THINK IT'S UNFAIR OF Mr. LYNCH TO PLAY FAVORITES.
ESPECIALLY WHEN IT INVOLVES HIS OWN SON.
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU SAY--
KAPLOOSH
EEEEK!
OOPS! SORRY ABOUT THAT, ROX!
YOU ALL RIGHT? SNICKER
I MAY BE A LITTLE DAMP...
GLUB GLUB
WHOOOSH
...BUT YOU'RE ABOUT TO GET SOAKED!

YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHAT I'M SAYING!
C'MON, SARAH. I THINK I COULD DO JUST AS GOOD A JOB AS YOU.
CHECK IT OUT, ROX!
THEY'RE GONNA SQUAB!
I THINK IT'S ONE OF THOSE LOVE-HATE THINGS, YOU KNOW?
BUT, LIKE I SAID, I WOULDN'T TAKE THE JOB IF I REALLY THOUGHT HE CHOSE ME JUST BECAUSE I'M HIS SON.
GEE, IS THAT SUPPOSED TO MAKE ME FEEL BETTER?
OR IS THIS YOUR WAY OF FINALLY GETTING BACK AT ME FOR ROME?!
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'D THINK --
IF YOU WERE A GUY, I'D --
THAT'S YOUR PROBLEM, BOBBY --
OOOF!
-- AT HEART YOU'RE JUST A MALE CHAUVINIST PIG!
KERPLASH
WOW! SHE'S PISSED!
ANCHORS AWEIGH!
HEY, EVERYONE! I'M BACK!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
GLUB GLUB

KAT! YOU'RE BACK!
RIGHT ON!
IT'S GOOD TO BE HOME, ROXY!
THAT'S US, BABE. ONE BIG HAPPY FAMILY!
ESPECIALLY NOW THAT YOU'RE HERE. RIGHT, SARAH?
RIGHT ON THE NOSE --
THINGS JUST WEREN'T THE SAME WHILE YOU WERE GONE, CAITLIN.
HEY, GUYS, LET'S HAVE A PARTY AND CELEBRATE!
BUT FIRST, YOU OUGHT TO GO SAY HELLO TO MY POPS!
I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU DECIDED TO COME BACK, CAITLIN.
IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK, SIR.
PLEASE, CALL ME JACK.
JA-- UMM?!
KAT? KAT?!
KAT?! ARE YOU OKAY?
HEY, WELCOME BACK!
MMMM!

GRUNGE?! OH!
HEY, EVERYONE! I'M BACK!
GOOD TO HAVE YA BACK, KAT.
SURE YOU'RE ALL RIGHT?
YOU LOOKED LIKE YOU WERE OFF IN DREAMLAND THERE.
SORRY. MUST HAVE ZONED OUT.
I'M STILL A LITTLE TIRED FROM THE TRIP.
OKAY, SO YOU'RE BACK. BIG FRIGGIN' DEAL.
YOU WEREN'T EXPECTING A PARADE OR SOMETHING, WERE YOU?
NO. OF COURSE NOT.
SARAH? BOBBY?
WHAT'S... UP?
DON'T MIND THEM, CAITLIN. THEY'RE BOTH A LITTLE... DISTRACTED.
I'VE DECIDED TO STAY WITH THE TEAM, Mr. LYNCH.
GLAD TO HEAR IT, CAITLIN. WE NEED YOU HERE.
I THINK YOU MADE THE RIGHT DECISION.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, CAITLIN?
THINGS DIDN'T WORK OUT QUITE THE WAY I EXPECTED...
...BUT IT STILL FEELS GOOD TO BE HOME.